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For: **FRESH LEAF POWDER AND PROCESSED
PRODUCT, EXTRACT, OIL AND AROMA
OBTAINABLE FROM FRESH TEA LEAF
POWDER**

Examiner: Unassigned

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The references were cited in an International Search Report in the corresponding PCT Application No. PCT/JP2004/00016064. A copy of the Search Report is also attached.

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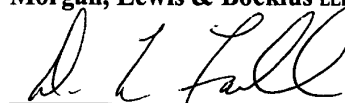
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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the reference and make it of record in the present application by signing and returning the enclosed List of References Cited.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, so that no fee is believed to be due. However, should the Patent Office determine otherwise, please charge the required fee to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP Deposit Account 50-0310.

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